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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1917.

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THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

About Town Notes

The Collegeville Branch of the Red Cross will give an entertainment in the college chapel on Saturday evening, September 29. Particulars later.

Miss Coyle entertained friends and relatives over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornish motored to Boyertown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Renninger visited relatives in Pennsburg on Sunday.

Miss Ruth Wall, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Ann M. Koons was on the sick list during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rankin, of Philadelphia, spent the week end in town.

Dr. and Mrs. George Bordner and Dr. Robert Bordner, all of York, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bordner.

Mrs. Emma Prizer, of Black Rock, visited friends about town over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ludwig entertained Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keller and Misses Katie, Emma and Carrie Haldeman, all of Worcester, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Renninger have moved into the house on First avenue, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitzgerald.

Dr. S. D. Cornish attended the Knight Templars farewell parade to departing soldiers in Norristown on Wednesday.

Miss Louise Tower, of Burlington, Vermont, is spending some time at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Zimmerman are the guests of Mrs. Zimmerman's mother, Mrs. Sponsler.

Mrs. Huttel and daughter, Lola, have returned after spending some time in Washington, D. C.

Miss Florence Scheuren has left for Trenton where she is a member of the High School faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Bauer entertained relatives at their home at Glen Farm on Sunday.

Mr. James Rappe, of Reading, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Scheuren on Wednesday.

Messrs. George Barrett and Guilman Clamer motored to Phoenixville on Sunday.

Miss Augustina Homer entertained friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Augustina Wismer has had an addition built to her bungalow on First avenue.

Mr. Miles Miller, of Elizabethtown, visited friends about town during the past week.

Mrs. Marguerite Williamson of Third avenue has been spending the past few days in Reading with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Free.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitzgerald have moved to Reading where Mr. Fitzgerald is employed with the Reading Transit and Light Co.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

The thirty-first annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Montgomery County will be held in the Haws Avenue M. E. Church, corner of Haws avenue and Marshall street, Norristown, Pa., Thursday, September 20, 1917. Rev. Walter P. Ellsworth will give the afternoon address. No evening session. Box lunch. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

September's Early Frost.

The first September frost struck and whitened vegetation in this quarter Monday night. Considerable damage was done to late growing vegetables including undeveloped corn. Heavy frosts in many sections of the western part of the state and in western states were reported Tuesday morning.

Attending Meeting of State Insurance Association.

Messrs. A. D. Fetterolf, of Collegeville, and Henry W. Kratz, of Norristown, representing the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company, are attending the annual meeting of the State Association of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies at Butler, Pa., this week.

Married.

On Friday, September 7, 1917, at the parsonage, by Rev. Mr. Heath of Sunnyside, Mr. Joseph Ambrose, of Collegeville, was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Soller, of Sunnyside. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose will reside in Collegeville.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Andora Yorgey, of Linerick, announces the engagement of her youngest daughter Vityala M., to Ralph Guilbert, of Pottstown.

Catarhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by Catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, etc.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

The Death Roll

John C. Johnson.

John C. Johnson died Tuesday evening at his residence in Lower Providence, in his 83d year. The deceased was born in 1834. He was the son of John G. of Lower Providence, and Frank, of Centre Square—and one brother, Charles Johnson, of Providence Square, and one sister, Mary Armstrong, of Norristown, survive. For many years Mr. Johnson served as constable of Lower Providence. He was a member of Warren Lodge, A. Y. M., of Collegeville. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 1.30. All services and interment at St. James' Episcopal church and cemetery, Evansburg, at 2.30; undertaker, F. W. Shalkop.

Harold H. Wismer.

Harold H., son of Harry and Annie Wismer of Collegeville, died on Saturday, aged 6 months. Funeral on Wednesday, September 12, at 1.30 p. m., at the house. Interment in Schwenksville cemetery; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

PROF. J. SHELLY WEINBERGER, LL. D., SUMMONED BY DEATH.

After a lingering illness, due in part to the infirmities of old age, Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger, LL. D., died early Wednesday morning at his home in Collegeville, in his 86th year. One daughter, Minerva, survives. Funeral (strictly private) Friday morning. After brief services at the home interment will be made in a Doylestown cemetery; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

A community service to the memory of the deceased will be held in Trinity Reformed church next Sunday at 10 a. m.

Dr. Weinberger spent the greater part of his long and useful life in Collegeville, as an educator who wielded a strong and helpful influence upon many hundreds of students. He was born in Bucks county. Prior to going to Yale college, from which institution he graduated as one of a distinguished class in 1859, he took a preparatory course at Freehold Seminary. It was there that he became one of the instructors in the Seminary. When the Seminary was merged into Ursinus College he became Professor of Ancient languages, a position he held until he was chosen Dean of the College in 1892. While Dean he continued to teach the Greek language. Some years ago he retired to private life. Dr. Weinberger always took a very lively interest in the welfare of the community in which he lived for so many years. His outstanding characteristic was a strong individuality. His character was positive and negative, and his influence was felt whenever he espoused a cause, or opposed influences which he believed were harmful to his fellowmen. It was Dr. Weinberger's constant purpose in life to exert good influences upon those with whom he came in contact and the record of his life was in keeping with that purpose.

CHURCH WEDDING.

On Thursday evening, September 6, in the presence of immediate relatives, Miss B. Rena Sponsler and Mr. A. J. Zimmerman were united in marriage in the First Moravian church, Philadelphia, by the pastor, Rev. Romig.

After receiving the congratulations of those present, the bridal couple left on a trip including Lake George, Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains, returning by way of Plattsburg, Burlington and Albany.

Mr. Zimmerman is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Zimmerman, of Newton Falls, Ohio, and is a public accountant and auditor, but was recalled to the U. S. naval service for the duration of the war, after which he will resume his professional career.

Mrs. Zimmerman has resided with her mother, Mrs. Sponsler, in Collegeville for the past twelve years. She is a graduate of Ursinus College and for seven years rendered most excellent service as vice-principal of the Collegeville schools.

After spending a few weeks in Collegeville, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman will reside in Philadelphia.

DEMONSTRATION IN TREATING WHEAT.

A demonstration in treating wheat with carbon bisulphide to kill the grain moth and weevil will be held on the County Home farm on Saturday, September 15, by A. K. Rothberger, agent of U. S. Department of Agriculture, representing the Montgomery County Farm Bureau. It goes without saying that it will be to the advantage of every wheat grower to be present.

Will of Mrs. Eicholtz Probated.

J. Elmer Eicholtz, husband of Mary A. Eicholtz, deceased of Lower Providence, is given the residue of her estate. The decedent's will was probated Friday. Following the demise of the beneficiary, a step-son, J. Winfred Eicholtz, is to assume complete possession. Finally that which is left is reverted to St. Luke's Reformed Church, in Trappe. The husband and the Penn Trust Company are appointed as executors.

Store Closed.

The clothing store of Weitzel-korn's, Pottstown, will be closed on Monday, September 17, on account of holiday.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE COLLEGEVILLE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

It is most earnestly desired that all the ladies and young girls of the surrounding towns, namely, Trappe, Ironbridge, Evansburg, and Yerkess, come to our work rooms on Wednesday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The workrooms, which we now occupy, were generously offered for our use by President Onwaka, and are located in Freeland Hall, Ursinus College.

We are especially busy now preparing comfort kits for the soldiers from this district who are to report for service on September 19th. Contributions of money for the kits will be received by A. D. Fetterolf and Thomas Hallman, Esq. It is hoped that when the people are asked to contribute to this worthy cause they will respond freely. You will all want the men from this district to be as well equipped as those from other districts.

If the women from the above mentioned towns should prefer to do the work in their own communities, we can arrange to have it done in that way. By forming committees of ten the sewing can be done with each one taking a turn at furnishing a sewing room. The work can be requisitioned from the Collegeville Branch, and thus all difficulty and delay in getting it from headquarters will be eliminated.

Every loyal American woman and child should be interested in the American Red Cross. If you are not sending some of your own dear ones to the war, think of the thousands of others who are going, and who need the protection which only the Red Cross can give. You will stand a better chance of seeing the boys return by trying to support the Red Cross in France than if you do not.

You all know the importance of good care in ordinary illness. Of how much greater importance is it that we give our aid, when the very life of the nation depends upon the condition of those who fight for us in France. Please come, and come often.

The Collegeville Branch sent in its first shipment the last of August. It consisted of one dozen bathrobes, one dozen pajamas, one dozen surgical shirts. The material was furnished by the Red Cross. We also sent twelve dozen handkerchiefs, one dozen hot water bottles. The material was provided by the Branch.

We are constantly in need of money, thread, new and old linen, yarn of any color. We can utilize all the small pieces of cloth and yarn that are only getting moth-eaten in your closets. Send them to the Red Cross, where they will do the most good.

We are anxious to start a surgical department, and in order to do this we must have white oil cloth to cover three or four tables. It is especially desired that the local merchants of Trappe, Collegeville, Ironbridge, Evansburg and Yerkess make donations. Each piece should be 2-1/4 yards long. Each branch has to purchase its own material for surgical dressing as well as the yarn for knitting. Each of the ladies pay a small fee, and it is with this money that we buy our supplies.

Take notice! The ladies do all the sewing and pay dues. Will not the men and women who cannot come do something to aid such a worthy cause?

DATES FOR FARMERS' INSTITUTES

The annual farmers institutes under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will open on November 13 in Wayne county and during November, December, January, February and March the most important series of meetings ever held in the interest of agriculture in the State are being planned.

Special importance hinges on the institutes during the coming season on account of the big part that the farmer is being asked to play in the war by producing maximum crops of farm products. Special stress will be made to encourage greater yields. Institutes will be held in Montgomery county at East Green, Pa., February 18-19; Trappe, February 20-21; Schwenksville, February 22-23; Centre Point, February 25 and 26.

There will be a new move in the introduction of moving pictures to show the various phases of successful farming and bee keeping.

Crescent Literary Society.

A regular meeting of the Crescent Literary Society will be held in the Mennonite schoolhouse, near Yerkess, on Wednesday evening, September 19, 1917. Program: Recitations—Marie Crist, Earl Crist, Elsie Litka, Rose Stierly. Readings—Paul Kopenhaver, Russell Stierly, Ralph Young, John Leopold. Instrumental solo—Helen Hallman. Dialogue—Niel Detwiler. Gazette—John Milligan, editor; Howard Pajous, assistant editor; Alvin Fourn and Helen Danehower, contributors.

Markley Family Reunion.

The Markley reunion will be held at Elmwood Park, Norristown, Pa., on Saturday, September 15. All descendants of the Markley family are cordially invited. For further information or program address the secretary, J. L. Markley, 3512 North 24th street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Harry Kieth, of Reinhold's, raised a potato weighing 29 1-2 ounces.

THOMAS J. STEWART, ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEAD.

Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, and President of the Times Publishing Company of Norristown, died Tuesday morning at his Harrisburg home. Death came on his 60th birthday and was due to an affection of the heart. Deceased is survived by two brothers, William, Superintendent of the Soldiers Home, Scottsdale, and James, of Chicago; also two sisters, Miss Emma Stewart and Mrs. Mary Vadian, both residing at the Stewart home in Harrisburg. He was twice married, but both wives preceded him in death.

General Stewart, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came with his parents to Norristown in 1849, rose from a humble position in life to prominence in business and military circles. He had been Adjutant General, through successive gubernatorial terms, since 1895, and was widely known throughout the State as a conspicuously able public servant and a brilliant public speaker. His arduous duties at the head of the Military Department of the State during the past two years was a severe strain upon him.

The body will be brought to Norristown for interment, Saturday afternoon, in Montgomery cemetery. Funeral services at the Harrisburg home Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The funeral services at the cemetery chapel, at 2 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, will be in charge of Major General John W. Schall and Surgeon General J. K. Weaver, while Charity Lodge, F. A. M., will have charge of the Masonic rites. On the arrival of the cortege at the cemetery services will be held in the chapel, and the body will be on view.

PARADE AND PRESENTATION OF "COMFORT KITS" IN LANSDALE.

The people of Lansdale have made arrangements to hold a parade and presentation of "Comfort Kits" in honor of the men who are joining the National Army. This parade and presentation will be held in Lansdale on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 18, and the parade will start at 3.30 o'clock sharp.

As the present plan necessitates the presence in Lansdale of 80 per cent. of the total number of men who will go on September 19, on the afternoon of September 18, we trust that in addition to these men, all of the men who will go in later contingents will also be present and join the parade.

The people of this section of the county, including Collegeville and Trappe, are expected to be well represented in the parade. The ladies of the Red Cross of Collegeville are doing their part in the making of "Comfort Kits."

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

Nathaniel H. Gerhard purchased of the Keyser estate last week the three acre lot with improvements, near Evansburg. The estate also sold the thirty acre farm to Park Dyson.

Wilson's Farm Agency sold last Saturday to George H. March of Norristown, for Nathaniel H. Gerhard, the three acre farm now occupied by Frank Swartley.

The same agency also sold for Misses Edna and Myra Lilley one acre along the Perkiomen creek to Robert Morris, of Philadelphia for \$350.00.

Charles Johnson First Deputy Auditor General.

Announcement was made at the Auditor General's Department last week of the appointment of Charles Johnson, of Norristown, former Insurance Commissioner, as First Deputy Auditor General. The place has never been filled by Auditor General Snyder, the previous holder having resigned when A. W. Powell retired as Auditor General. The salary is \$5000. Mr. Johnson, who is treasurer of the Republican State Committee, was formerly Sheriff of Montgomery county and was Resident Clerk of the House of Representatives for ten years, resigning in 1911 to become State Insurance Commissioner. He resigned as Commissioner in 1916.

Ambler's New Trust Company.

The Ambler Trust Company, Montgomery county's newest financial institution, opened its doors to the public Saturday with an all-day reception, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. An orchestra furnished the music; refreshments were served. The building, which is Colonial in style, is situated at the corner of Butler avenue and Main street. It is constructed of Sayre & Fisher brick, similar to the University of Pennsylvania dormitories in Philadelphia, including two massive pillars at the entrance. William C. Brister is President of the Company. H. Wilson Stahlnecker is solicitor and trust officer and Perry B. Strassburger is one of the directors.

Third Barn Fire in a Few Months.

For the third time in a few months the barn of Julius Snyder, whose farm is about three miles south of King-of-Prussia, was destroyed by fire. The blaze was discovered at an early hour Saturday morning, but it had gained such headway that before it was extinguished, the entire outbuildings were consumed. It is supposed the fire was due to incendiarianism and a strict investigation is being made. The loss will amount to thousands of dollars.

From the Inter-Borough Press. "AS WE GO MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA."

BY FRED. LEROY MOSER.

A striking feature of the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is that men from the North and South are marching together as comrades over the same ground where their fathers and grandfathers fought the Battle of Chancellorsville a little more than half a century ago. Side by side march men from Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida with men from Pennsylvania. There is no evidence of any sectional feeling. The best of comradeship prevails. The other day I heard a little chap from South Carolina bemoaning his fate at being bunked in a Barracks occupied almost entirely by Pittsburgers. But for the most part the men fraternize without restraint.

Camp McLean, as the Officers' Training Camp is called, is but a small part of Fort Oglethorpe. To begin with there is the permanent regular army post at which infantry and cavalry regiments are established. Then there is the training camp for Reserve Medical Officers, stationed there. The Prison Camp for interned German sailors is another department and cantonments for Virginia Guardsmen and several regiments of Regulars are all nearby. There are about 5,000 men in uniform in or near Fort Oglethorpe.

Chattanooga, Tenn., is the only large city near by. It is about nine miles from the Training Camp. Our men are not permitted to visit the city except on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Unless a man is particularly well adapted temperamentally as well as physically to soldiering, I do not believe there is a very heavy chance of his securing a commission at this camp for the reason that a large majority of the men in the camp have the advantage of excellent army training in the many superior military schools and colleges that are thickly scattered over the South. There are a number of Regulars and Guardsmen here training for Commissions. There was a Brigadier General of the National Guard of Georgia in the company in which I was first placed.

Of course, all men were reduced to a common rank. Cheverons had to come off the sleeves and collar and coat insignias were relegated to suit cases.

The men are not rated as privates, but are known as "Candidates," but this fact does not restrain an officer instructor from "howling out" a man. The camp should turn out a large number of splendid officers. Very few of the men in my company, No. 11, reported for work in soft condition. Many of them are former college athletes, and all were tanned and looked fit to stand up under anything the officers might ask.

When the inoculation for typhoid and para typhoid and the vaccine for smallpox were shot into us all at one crack, none of our men flinched and few suffered more than a little discomfort. In some of the companies men fainted in line. They got a bucket of water over them, a pat on the back when they "came out," and orders to come back in a few hours for the dose.

It is now nearly 24 hours since I was "shot" and thus far I have felt nothing more than a soreness of the arm. We get two more shots about ten days apart.

GAS WRECKED OIL PLANT.

Conshohocken and vicinity were shaken Sunday morning by an explosion of 10,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas, which wrecked the plant of the Process Oil Corporation, located on the river bank, opposite the Reading Railway station. The three employees who were on duty, Engineer Edward O'Neill, Edward Leonard and George Heister escaped with slight injuries. Leonard said it was all over in a fraction of a second; that none of them was knocked down, but all were hit with flying debris.

The frame building which contained the tank was blown to pieces and big splinters of wood were hurled across the canal to the Reading Railway and out into the river, some portions landing on the other side of the Schuylkill in West Conshohocken. All windows facing the destroyed building, in the Forest Hotel, several squares away, and in the Reading station were broken, and were windows in the old Conshohocken Hotel and the Conshohocken worsted mill across the river.

The wreckage of the oil plant caught fire and the firemen were hampered in extinguishing the blaze by lack of water as the canal had been drained. The factory, which was located in the old Supplee grist mills, manufactured a patented oil. The loss probably will reach \$10,000.

Candidate Groff Retires Though His Name Will Appear on Ballot.

Though Henry A. Groff, of Souderton, candidate for the Republican nomination for Prothonotary has withdrawn from the contest his name will appear on the ballot, the time having expired for withdrawals before he reached the decision noted. Besides Groff's name and the two real candidates, the name of Attorney E. C. A. Moyer will also appear on the Republican ballot for Prothonotary, making four printed blocks, which will serve to confuse some of the Republican voters.

FIRST LIST OF THOSE ACCEPTED BY DRAFT BOARD OF FOURTH DISTRICT.

The following is the list of names of those certified to the Fourth District Board of Montgomery county by the District Board at Lancaster. Those who are to go to the mobilizing camps on September 19 are included in the list.

Easton Fortune (colored), Royersford. Gregory Kuharuk, Linfield. Arthur D. Springer, Kulpsville. Lamar Garner, Trooper. Marvin S. Wiltse, Worcester. Jos. Metka, Schwenksville. Howard R. Delp, Lansdale. Walter S. Conner, North Wales. Corson C. Snyder, Harleysville. Harry Krane, Royersford. William R. Freed, Souderton. Wallace Fiegel, Berkey.

William H. Godshall, West Telford. Wellington K. Barnard, West Telford. Josiah Drew, Norristown, R. D. 1. Albert Slaughter, North Wales. Christian W. Cressman, Schwenksville, R. D. No. 1.

Clinton Schmoey, West Telford. William Leslie Bapsiste (colored), Berkeyville.

Mahlon I. Mogel, Linerick Township. Floyd L. Clark, Jeffersonville. Harvey R. Freeman, North Wales. Joseph B. Mills, Royersford. Thomas A. Kirkner, Royersford. Ross G. Koons, Schwenksville. Earl A. Buzzard, Oaks.

Herbert D. Band, North Wales. Omar G. Worman, Souderton. E. Stanley Godshall, Souderton. Howard Reese, Lansdale.

Harvey A. Healy, Royersford. Wellington R. Bustard, Cedars. Charles G. Harrison, Pottstown, R. D. Milton Leroy Hood, Mont Clare.

William Zimmerman, Jr., Lansdale. J. Calvin Anderson, Linfield. Alvin K. Eckert, Lansdale.

Malvin L. Moyer, Mainland. Henry R. Alderfer, Souderton. Russell R. Keeler, Harleysville. Egmont W. Pohle, Lansdale.

J. Warren Ziegler, Lederach. R. Russell Bissinger, Royersford. Percy W. Mathieu, Trappe.

Howard K. Godshall, Telford.

The Fourth District Board is now calling 100 men for examination at Lansdale on Friday, in order to fill quota.

WATCH YOUR CHILDREN.

School days are here. For weeks our children have been scattered in their respective homes and in many cases living in the open air. Now the days are here when they begin to congregate together at the school houses and often under bad sanitary conditions.

This is the season that weighs heavily upon the conscientious health officer. Experience has taught him infallibly that the con-gregating of the sick and the well will again cause the annual increase of children's diseases. Increased deaths will occur in spite of all that can be done by the Health Department in conjunction with our educators to safeguard the health of our children.

This work to increase safeguards over the health and lives of our school children is only in its infancy. Until it is full grown we must appeal to the parents and guardians of the children to help us. We all love our children and would sacrifice our lives to save theirs, yet we do not make sufficient study of how to care for them.

The first thought in the morning should be for the child. We should not content ourselves with greeting our sons and daughters with an impulsive and affectionate kiss and hug, and then rush to other duties that the day has brought with it. Instead, the first duty is to tarry with the child sufficiently long to determine whether or not it seems well. Without letting the child appreciate that there is a suspicion of its being sick, get to see the tongue, notice how it swallows, look for any spots or rash on the skin, for congested eyes, for a hot skin, for want of usual good cheer.

If the child shows any indication of sickness it should not be permitted to associate with the other children in the house, and under no circumstances should it be permitted to go to school. Its life is first, education second.

While it does not do to be pessimistic, it is better to consider any sign of illness the possible forerunner of some one of the diseases that children are so susceptible to.

For the child's sake it should be kept away from other children, as has been suggested, and unless the condition clears up in a very short time medical aid should be called in. A stitch in time saves nine. Such precautions as mentioned may not only save your own child's life but an epidemic of measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria or other communicable diseases, not only in a school but maybe in a whole community.

What is asked of mothers and guardians of children is so little and means so many human lives that certainly the warning is worth taking.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

THE SEYCHELLES ISLANDS.

The Seychelles islands form an archipelago of 114 islands and are situated about 1400 miles east of Aden and 1000 miles from Zanzibar. They rise steeply out of the sea, culminating in the isle of Mahe, which is about 3000 feet above the level of the ocean and is nearly the center of the group. All the islands are of coral growth. The houses are built of a species of massive coral hewn into square blocks which glitter like white marble.

News From Trappe

R. F. Parks is sole agent for Montgomery county for the Comfort Indoor Closet, a very useful contrivance at a reasonable cost. See advertisement, page 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbin Lohman and daughter, of Allentown, Pa., spent the week end with Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Pegely.

Mrs. Mary Alderfer and Mrs. Warren Hendricks, of Center Point, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hendricks at Philadelphia.

The Willing Workers Society of the U. E. church will meet on Saturday, 2 p. m. at the church.

Miss Stella Kramer, of Bridesburg, Pa., visited Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ziegler last week.

Mr. M. H. Keeler, of Pottstown, visited friends in town, Monday.

Mr. H. D. Allebach is having his barn and out building repainted. Mr. Adam Weaver is doing the work.

Messrs. Allen Harley and Leidy Poley left yesterday (Wednesday) for Camp Hancock, Ga., with Co. F, of Norristown.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Moyer visited Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tyson, Sunday.

Preaching in the U. E. church Sunday evening at 7.30; prayer meeting at 10 a. m.; S. S. at 2 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.45; C. E. prayer meeting Saturday at 7.45 p. m.; leader, Mr. A. A. Moyer. Hearty welcome to all at these services.

GERMAN NEWSPAPER PLANT SEIZED.

United States Government officials on Monday seized the plant of the Philadelphia Tageblatt and the Sonntagsblatt, German newspapers, published at 109 North Sixth street, and arrested the editor and business manager upon charges involving violation of the Espionage act. The arrests followed the open publication in the paper last Sunday of a practicable means of communication with Germans, by means of the United States mails, through an intermediary in Stockholm, Sweden. A truck load of evidence was seized.

Other arrests are expected to follow. This is the first seizure of a German newspaper since war was declared.

Thursday, September 13, 1917.

Mr. HENRY A. GROFF, of Souderton, who recently announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Prothonotary, has withdrawn from the contest. In doing so he says: "To avoid a bitter home fight, and for the sake of party harmony, I withdraw as a candidate for Prothonotary." The present Prothonotary, Mr. Frederick, is therefore practically assured of the Republican nomination to the office to which he was appointed by the Governor. Mr. Groff is one of the staunch and strong men of the Republican party of this county, and was engaged in a vigorous campaign. His withdrawal, in view of all the circumstances involved, will be remembered to his credit. Mr. Frederick has fully demonstrated his fitness for the office of Prothonotary. It would therefore seem only fair for the Republicans to grant him the nomination to a full term.

MAINE, the much advertised Prohibition State, defeated Equal Suffrage, at a special election held on Monday, by an almost two to one vote. The voting was on a proposed constitutional amendment adopted at the last session of the Legislature, after 40 years of effort on the part of the suffrage workers in Maine. While the result is not cheerful reading for those who are convinced as to the inherent justice of the Equal Suffrage cause, it will be regarded only as an adverse incident in a movement that will surely win, ultimately. No doubt the misguided suffrage sentinels at Washington contributed to the result in Maine. Many voters are not in the habit of drawing lines of discrimination between the justice of a cause and those of its advocates who are prone to aberrations in speech and action. The worst enemies of any movement are usually its over-zealous and lopsided supporters.

THE war tax bill, the largest single taxation measure in American history, was passed Monday night by the Senate. It provided for a levy somewhat under \$2,400,000,000, as compared with \$1,867,870,000, proposed in the bill as it passed the House, May 23. The vote was 69 to 4, Senators Bora, Gronna, La Follette and Norris being recorded in opposition. The great bill, nearly four months in the making, was returned to the House Tuesday. It will be considered by a conference of committees of the House and Senate this week. Of the \$2,400,000,000 new taxes provided in the tax bill for the duration of the war, \$842,200,000 is to be taken from incomes, corporate and individual, and \$1,060,000,000 from war profits. Most of the remainder is levied on liquor, tobacco and public utilities.

The following is a pacifist's confession of faith (sincere and honorable) from the pen of Vernon Kellogg, professor of biology at Leland Stanford, and one of Mr. Hoover's aids on the Belgian commission:

I went in an ardent hater of war and I came out a more ardent one. I have seen that side of the horror and waste and outrage of war which is worse than the side revealed on the battlefield. How I hope for the end of all war!

But I have come out believing that that cannot come until any people which had dedicated itself to the philosophy and practice of war as a means of human advancement is put into a position of impotence to indulge its belief at will. My conviction is that Germany is such a people, and that it can be put into this position only by the result of war itself. It knows no other argument and it will accept no other decision.

True enough, Germany "knows no other argument, and will accept no other decision." There is only one course open to the Allies—fight to a final conclusion. It must meet the argument or accept autocracy!

The United States Government has finally settled down to business in the matter of rightfully suppressing publications partly engaged in giving aid to the German Government by distorting news and expressing editorial sentiments in opposition to the cause of the Allies. The seizing on Monday of the plant of the Philadelphia Tageblatt no doubt marks the beginning of proceedings on the part of the United States against traitors engaged in promulgating distorted information and treasonable statements. Let the work go on to full completion.

The German-American Alliance of New York has adopted strong resolutions pledging its members to loyalty to the United States in this war with Germany. "The Germany we knew is only a memory," says the Alliance, in its very creditable stand for loyalty to the cause of anti-autocracy.

DISCUSSING the proposed suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the New York World says:

The suffrage amendment itself is a measure for the dismantling of the States, for if a State cannot regulate and determine the suffrage of its own citizens, it might as well shut up shop. The essential power that makes a State a State is destroyed, and the job might as well be made complete first as last. . . . The advocates of the Federal Suffrage Amendment, instead of abiding by the processes under which every white man and every white woman in the United States who votes obtained the vote, are determined to create a new irrepressible conflict and establish the principle that the people of no State have any rights that the Legislatures of other States are bound to respect. The World regards it as the most mischievous and dangerous doctrine that has been enunciated since secession.

The position taken by the World is sound. The contention that it is the business of each State to determine the suffrage privileges of its citizens is by no means groundless. The majority vote of a State, respecting purely State questions, should be accepted as expressive of the preponderating opinion of the State. The enfranchisement of the negro by an amendment to the Constitution of the United States was a miserable, trouble-making blunder, and has been nullified in practically every Southern State. It is not the right of the Federal Government by constitutional amendment to intervene and attempt to regulate purely State affairs, so long as the State keeps within the limitations imposed by the Federal Constitution.

The cause of Equal Suffrage has been temporarily weakened by the advocates of a Suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

THE Kaiser, always insisting that God is with him, is now talking about "our steel-hard will to victory—over all the enemies of Germany." In noising the merits of his pretensions and wares one might assume that he was posing as an advertising agent on big pay. If he loses will he blame God, or will he blame the Kaiser? Not likely that he will blame himself.

FROM the Kansas City Star: The status quo ante is a fine arrangement of terms, if one wishes to let the millions of lives already sacrificed to democracy go as vain waste.

ROCHESTER HERALD: Sedition must be dealt with at its source—in the halls of Congress. If the Government cannot find a way, maybe the people can.

KEEP YOUR BREEDING STOCK

Because of Increased Demand and High Prices for Feed Hens, Sows and Cows Are Sold.

Don't sell off your breeding stock because of high prices of feed and the demand for live stock. Large numbers of hens, brood sows and milch cows are being sold. Already there is a scarcity of poultry in the country, and in some dairy sections there has been a marked decrease in the number of milch cows.

There are two sides to this business. Milk dealers and contractors in their effort to hold trade and placate their customers have refused to pay farmers a price for milk which would leave them a profit. As a consequence, many farmers have found that their cows are worth more dead than alive. They have been forced to sell the cows because they could not continue in the business which was running them deeper in debt each month.

Advancing prices for meat, milk, dairy and poultry products will bring a profit over the high cost of feed and labor, and the farmer who has kept a good stock of breeding animals is pretty sure to receive handsome returns.

LABOR IS LIMITING FACTOR

Horses Are Relatively Plentiful in Comparison and Use of More Is Strongly Used.

Labor is the limiting factor in crop production this year. Horses are relatively plentiful in comparison. O. R. Johnson of the department of farm management of the Missouri College of Agriculture, suggests that farmers lay aside one-man and two-horse tools and use those that require more horses so that more work per man can be done. One man with three horses to a 16-inch breaking plow will turn over three acres or less in a day. The same man with a gang plow consisting of two 12-inch bottoms will average 4½ acres a day and will use one more horse. This means that by increasing the horse stock one-third, one man can increase his efficiency in breaking ground nearly 75 per cent. Investigations have actually shown that a man on a riding implement will do more work in a day than the same



Splendid Farm Team.

man and the same team with implements that require him to walk. The use of bigger tools and thorough preparation of seed beds will also cut down the time required for cultivation of the corn crop. Cultivation is the operation which limits the amount of corn one man can grow. If a good seed bed is prepared, sowing time can be saved in cultivating the corn, and consequently more acres can be grown.

KILL PLANT LICE OR APHIDS

Application of Soap Solution Will Prove Efficient—Must Hit Insect With Force.

Plant lice or aphids can be killed on green glow, sweet peas, rose, buckhorn, plums or any plant by application of soap solution. This is perfectly safe to use, and leaves no bad odor, and a few applications are sufficient to rid a plant of its unpleasant parasite. Dissolve a 5-cent cake of white soap in five or six gallons of hot water, and spray thoroughly with a spray-pump when early in the morning. The insects must be hit with force. Occasionally bending over the twigs and immersing the affected leaves, shaking them back and forth in the liquid, is more effective than spraying. Directing a stream of water from a garden hose against plant-lice colonies is of some help, if the water strikes them with force.

PLAN AGAINST HOG CHOLERA

Best Way to Prevent Spread of Disease Is to Keep Germs Away From Healthy Animals.

The best way to prevent hog cholera is to keep the germs away from the hog. If hogs on a neighboring farm are sick, keep away from them and don't let anybody from the infected farm go near an uninfected hog pen, or upon the ground frequented by healthy hogs.

SHEEP AS WEED DESTROYERS

Animals Keep Noxious Plants Nibbled So Closely That No Seeds Are Permitted to Form.

Sheep are excellent weed destroyers, as they keep the weeds nibbled so closely that no seeds are formed and the roots are exhausted.

A small flock of sheep is an excellent scavenger on almost any farm, and they make profitable use of the land, provided that the land and internal parasites can be controlled.

LONELY VIGIL OF 30 YEARS

Son's Long Wait for Mother Who Met Her Death When He Was an Infant.

A story of pathetic devotion seldom equaled in the history of the mountain country of the South is being told of Edwin Hicks, who died recently of Edwin Hicks, N. C., after waiting 30 years for the return of a mother who had met death when he was just old enough to know he had a parent.

Thirty years ago the mother went out from the humble mountain cabin near Elk Park with the promise to Edwin, her only child, that she would bring him a treat of candy, as was her custom when going to the village store. But she was run down and killed by a train on the Western North Carolina railway while on her errand.

After the fate of his mother was not communicated to Hicks, he else he failed in his immature mind to grasp the fact. So for 30 years he had watched and waited at the gate to the mountain home for the return of the mother.

Finally his mind was affected by the worry, but this did not prevent him carrying on his lonely vigil, and every day neighbors could see him lingering at the gate in an appearance of expectancy.

Neighbors in later years had en-

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unwilling to persuade Hicks that his vigil was in vain and that he should give his mind to other channels, but nothing could be done to convince him that the mother of his childhood would not return and that it was his duty to be at the gate to meet her.

But finally the patient watcher was taken ill, and though tenderly cared for by his neighbors, he died. His body now rests alongside that of the mother in the little country churchyard near the town.

WHY THE SPARROW THRIVES

Increase of the Pesky English Importation Is Quite Easily Accounted For.

Mr. F. L. Burns, the bird census man, has recently been taking a census of English sparrows, and his estimate is that there are 165,000 millions of this interesting bird in this country. We presume that this is so, although we have no accurate means of checking off his figures, except that, judging by the sound just outside of our window in the morning we should think that possibly Mr. Burns had underestimated the total.

The English sparrow has thus increased from the time he first came over to this country, much more than we have. We are only about 113 millions, and he is 165,000. How can this increase be accounted for?

Quite easily. Since he came he has attended strictly to business. He has not had time to do any "eugenic laws"; he has had no medical profession. He is not interested in politics, sermons or motorists. He is not a high-brow. He lives in the fresh air most of the time and does all of his own housework. He supports no hospitals, has developed no literature, married and unmarried when he feels like it and in fact, does as he d—pleases. Why should he not increase? For being what an American citizen ought to be, he has the best of us beaten to a frazzle.—Life.

Our Humors.

All we can say is that we hope any given humorist of ours will live out the greatest length of days and not stop joking before he dies. We need every moment of his three score years and of time and kind, and we cannot be satisfied with a stated measure of time for him. When he begins unreasonably to delight the world, our national pride as well as our human need is bound up in his continuance. Possibly we are going from bad to worse as we have always been, but we think we have been kept from the worst by the humorist's smile, not by the satirist's frown. Other races, other lands abound in songs and sermons, but we have sent our laughter over the world to save it alive more than anything else could.—W. D. Howells, in Harper's Magazine.

When Novels Were Really Long.

Though William de Morgan wrote some of the longest novels of recent times, his efforts were conscientiously compared with the works of some of the seventeenth century romancers. Mlle de Scudery's once famous story, "Le Grand Cyrus," for instance, fills five folio volumes of 500 pages each in the English translation, and her contemporary, La Calprenede, was even more diffuse, his "Cleopatre" running to 20 volumes. The leisurely method of the early novelists is well illustrated in "Parthenissa," by Roger Boyle, Earl of Orrery, in which the eight hundredth page finds the two chief characters still engaged in the process of introducing themselves to each other, begun on page one.—London Observer.

The Peril.

"There is danger in allowing that gay young soldier to hang around the pretty girls."

"Why so?"

"Don't you know there is always danger when a spark gets so near powder?"

Not a Cozy Home.

"That's a magnificent house of yours."

"Yes," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "And it's full of servants who don't do much except get together and discuss the employer problem."

Daily Thought.

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.—Edward Everett.

Two-Compartment Tumbler.

A new tumbler has two compartments, one to hold ice and the other for liquids that are to be cooled.

BARRIER HAS BEEN LEVELED

False Standards of Life Disappear When Boys of Rich and Poor Go to War Side by Side.

Close to me lives a man whose interests have been separated from mine by more than a mere ivy-grown stone fence—to be exact, by several hundred dollars, says a writer in the Woman's Home Companion. The other day he leaned over the fence and inquired: "Your boy going?"

"Yes."

"Mine too. Had a notion he didn't want to wait for conscription. By the way, those eggplants of yours are not coming on very well. May I send my man over with some fertilizer that has helped mine?"

The fence is still there—but not the barrier. Our boys and our country leveled it.

There's bound to be a lot of such leveling from this time on. Some of us who have been too busy to get acquainted are going to know each other. Some who have been too absorbed in money making and reputation-seeking to make friends will suddenly feel the need of comradeship. Some of us who have worried because our neighbors pressed better than we did, had a finer phonograph, or ran a faster car are going to have our eyes opened to the falseness of the standards by which we have judged ourselves and each other. We're going to like each other a great deal better and to need each other a great deal more.

Dogs in Far East.

In Asia one finds conflicting views about dogs. The Tamils, of southern India, whose skins are an easy mark for sharp teeth, say that "on finding a stone we see no dog, on seeing a dog we find no stone," as though a dog exists only to be stoned. A little further east, in China, we discover that dogs have more good in them than men think they have, a saying that could not have been imbedded in the proverbial wisdom of any but a kindly race with a friendly feeling for all created things. They flatter when they say that he "has no aversion to a poor family," and his faithful intelligence is admitted in the saying that "the dog understands his master's nod."—Exchange.

Perfectly Descriptive.

"How's politics?" asked Mr. Wombat.

"Unsettled and variable," answered Mrs. Wombat, who had the paper. "Oh, hush! That's the weather report."

"Fills the bill, however," responded her husband.

Oviculture.

"Does he count his chickens before they are hatched?"

"Why, he counts the luxuries he will buy with the proceeds of the eggs that the chickens will lay after they are hatched and grown up to be hens!"—Down Topics.

Paper Plates for Pets.

Using paper plates for animal pets will be found a good and sanitary plan. Some people do not care to wash the plates kept for dogs and cats, although they should be kept scrupulously clean and used for no other purpose. Why not, then, use paper plates, which may be bought by the hundreds for very little money, and which may be burned or thrown away after they have been used.

About Hobbies.

Every hobbyist can extol his hobby above all others and there is something to be said for each one. Collectors of every sort of objects, from shells to stamps; students of every subject, from snakes to stars, find special mental reasons for interest in their particular line. And the reasons for preference would make a very remarkable collection of wordy arguments.

Putting It Mildly.

A village butcher, a big man, possessed a deep voice, and he was exercising it at the local concert organized for the children's school treat by singing several unimpaired encores.

"My!" exclaimed the school trustee's wife; "hasn't he an extensive repertoire?"

"Well, I shouldn't like to say that," said the local dressmaker; "but he certainly is getting rather stout!"

Wrong Impression.

Teacher—Your full name is Bertha Johnson Kenmore, isn't it? Why do you not write it that way, my dear?

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl (blushing)—Because it sounds as if I was married, ma'am.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

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Market baskets in 3 sizes—small, medium, large—50c, 75c and \$1.00. All sorts of scrub brushes, some with handles, 5 and 10 cts; bottle brushes, 5 cts.; generous size clothes baskets, made of willow, \$1.25; carpet beaters, 10 and 15 cts. Steam cookers, 75 cents.

Cannister Sets—four containers for coffee, tea, sugar and flour, made of blue or black Japan finish tin, \$1.19. Brown and white casseroles in pretty nickel holders 89c. worth \$1.50. Small aluminum kettles with covers 50c worth 89c. Serving trays, artistic designs, \$1.19.

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Cut glass for September brides. Water sets, \$6 and \$10; berry bowls, \$1.50 to \$6; vases, 89c to \$5; celery trays, \$2.50 to \$5; also various small pieces at \$1 and \$2.50. The patterns are frosted daisy and flame star. Fancy china for gifts. Plates at 75c to \$2.00; vases 50c to \$9.00.

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Repair Mirrors.

To renew the silvery on the back of a mirror lay it face downward on a smooth surface and prepare a piece of tinfoil large enough to patch the damaged part by rubbing it with mercury. Place the patch in position, lay a sheet of paper over it, and put on it a weight having a perfectly flat surface and heavy enough to press it down tightly. Let the mirror lie in this position for a day or two and the foil will adhere to the glass.

Oasis Made to Order.

In the desert stretch between El Centro and Yuma, down in the south-east corner of California, engineers made a new oasis the other day. They just bored a hole in the ground, and up came the revivifying waters. Then a few date seeds were dropped into the soil, and a few vegetables planted, and they will have an oasis made to order.

Shredded Waste Paper for Packing.

A machine has been brought out recently which shreds various kinds of paper that are fed into it, making it into soft material which can be used for packing in place of excelsior, and the like. By utilizing their waste paper in this way, many firms are reducing the cost of preparing fragile goods for shipment.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Last to Arrive.

Henry, aged five, was told of an arrival in his uncle's family and earnestly inquired whether it was any relation to him. "Why, certainly," replied his mother, "he is your first cousin." After thinking it over for a few minutes the little fellow said: "Well, perhaps you know, but I should think he was my last cousin."

An Irish Superstition.

Peasants in the west of Ireland, it is said, will never leave an egg shell open at one end only. The spoon is always thrust through the lower end. Otherwise some wicked goblin will seize upon the shell and make a boat of it in which to sail the soul of the careless person to destruction.

For Little Ones.

Books for children require an amount of work and knowledge altogether disproportionate to the money which the authors are going to make out of them. Is that why our best authors do not write them?—Exchange.

Nobody Knows.

Nobody can advise you how to rear your children, because the fact of the matter is that nobody really knows how it ought to be done. Bringing up your child in the way it should go is a pretty big job.

Solidifying Petroleum.

A Frenchman has invented a process of solidifying petroleum for safety in transportation by the addition of a solution of soap, it being possible to burn the resulting combination to remove the soap with alcohol.

Conservation of Room.

A motorboat that has been invented, that steers with exceptional speed and accuracy under all conditions, carries its motor and propelling mechanism in a hollow fin that also serves as a keel.

Themselves.

Women wish to be loved without a why or a wherefore—not because they are pretty or good, or wellbred, or graceful, or intelligent, but because they are themselves.—Amiel.

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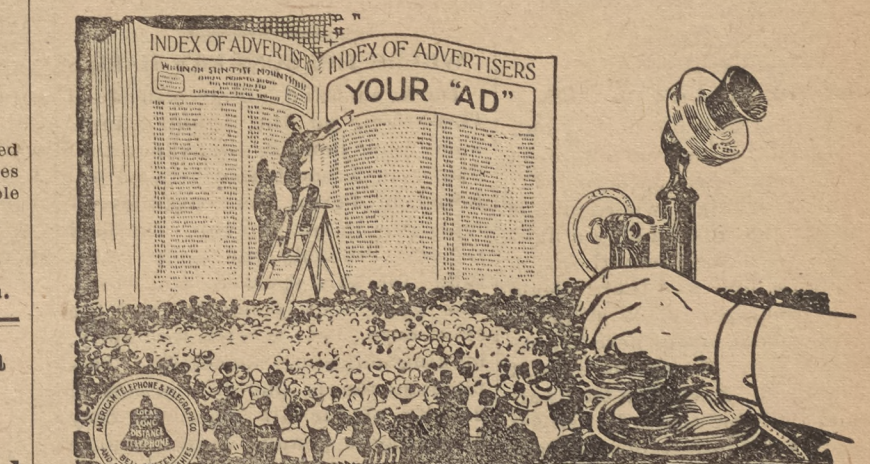
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"Old Lion"

By Florence L. Henderson

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"Has he sent the money, Abner?" questioned Mrs. Dorsett, eagerly, as her husband came into their humble home with an envelope torn open at one end in his hand.

"No, Mary," answered Abner Dorsett with a serious face. "John Barclay is honest, though. He says that he has had no engagement since he left here, poor prospects ahead, and sees no way to pay the hundred dollars."

"Too bad!" murmured Mrs. Dorsett. "We so counted on the money to give Netta a respectable wedding."

"John Barclay writes that we can easily raise the money by selling 'Old Lion,'" supplemented Abner. "He says there isn't an Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe in the country that would not jump at the chance of getting such a magnificent trained veteran bloodhound for a hundred. Outside of that, he declares that any kennel owner or fancier would pay that sum."

Mrs. Dorsett did not comment on this last declaration. Her husband tilted her chin caressingly with his brown, but gentle hand.

"You dear old soul!" he said with fervor. "I can guess what's in your mind, for the same idea is in my own. You don't want to sell Lion on account of Netta."

"Yes, Abner," came the frank confession; "you have guessed right."

"I don't blame you," spoke Abner heartily. "When Barclay got sick and was stranded here with his family, Lion looked so fierce I was actually

creature something! You remember when a thieving gang broke into every house in the neighborhood but ours in a wholesale raid? One hint of Lion was enough for the rascals. You remember, too, the tramp who tried to rob Netta of her handbag on the lonely town road? He vanished quickly when Lion set about defending his dear mistress, and that, too, minus half he wore."

"Yes," sighed Mrs. Dorsett, "and Netta is so attached to him. Well, we'll do the best we can about the wedding. I think both Netta and Myles would rather have Lion than the greatest gift we could give them."

Myles Warren was Netta's prospective husband. He was the pick of all the fine fellows in Millville, poor, like himself, but a worker and bound to make a mark in the world some day. The Dorsetts had cared for the stranded actor and his wife and two children all through July and August. When Barclay left them for the city he had promised faithfully they should have the money he owed them. Upon this Abner and his wife had counted to provide for the wedding, a month ahead.

The disappointment was a severe one, the more so because they had no means of raising the hundred dollars elsewhere. Their place was mortgaged for \$2,000 to Eben Day, the village banker. He was a hard creditor and it had skinned them sorely to meet the recent interest payment.

Myles Warren, too, had suffered in his calculations. It seems that he had won the love of Netta while Greg Day, the son of the banker, was about ready to propose to Netta. In fact, he did so notwithstanding that a known list Netta was engaged to Myles. Both he and his father were so enraged at the preference for Myles on the part of Netta, that they promptly discharged Myles from his position in the bank, and the latter had to take a less lucrative position until he could get more fully established in a business way.

"I don't see how," called out Myles, passing the house on his way to work the next morning, which was his wont. Netta, always on the porch or at the window to wave him a cheery ban, ran out to speak a loving word. She was on the way to the gate to greet her lover when Myles thus hailed her father.

"No, what is it?" questioned Abner, resting on his hoe.

"Bank robbed. Burglars got in during the night. Over fifty thousand dollars in clear cash gone and they say Day is fairly frantic."

"Who did it—no one suspected? No one seen about the place?"

"Not a clue. There were tracks of a light wagon in the alley back of the bank and the burglars got in through the door opening there. The sun had faded the tracks on the main road and there's no trace to follow."

"Why," said Abner, "you make me think of something. It was after midnight this morning when I was awakened by Lion. He was making a fearful uproar in his little yard. And I noticed just now some wagon tracks curving from the lane across the rear of our lot. Maybe that might have been the burglar crowd, getting out of town through by-ways."

Abner went to the rear of the lot again. He followed the ruts made by wheels. They circled around the penne in space where Lion was kept. As he neared the point where they rounded an old shed he paused, a trifle startled. Lying in a heap against it was a gossamer coat, a wig, and a black cloth mask. In a flash the keen-witted old man reasoned out the situ-



"Hands Up!" yelled Abner.

afraid of him. It didn't take long for the animal to win his way with us, though, did it? Especially with Netta. Why, Mary, we owe the grand, noble

